



**United States Department of State
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Office of Inspector General**

Inspection of Embassy Kolonia, Federated States of Micronesia



Despite its small size, Embassy Kolonia was advancing important U.S. interests and providing a range of services in the complex relationship with the Federated States of Micronesia. Interagency coordination on implementation of the Compact of Free Association (COFA) had deficiencies that required attention from Washington. Poor communication channels among U.S. agencies were contributing to a growing divergence of policy views on how the COFA was serving U.S. interests and whether it fostered the Federated States of Micronesia's self-reliance or dependence.

The Embassy was generally well-managed. It was heavily reliant on regional support it received from Embassy Manila. Going forward this support needed to be both robust and sustained.

The new embassy compound will relieve overcrowding, provide space to colocate some mission elements currently not colocated, and provide security that had been missing.

The public diplomacy outreach of Embassy Kolonia was impressive given the scant resources at the disposal of this nonpresence public diplomacy post.